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Comment on **Proceeding 17-108**
Restoring Internet Freedom

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to comment on your recent proceeding to revisit the decision to classify Internet Service Providers under Title II of the telecommunications act.

First, there is no good reason for you to even be considering making changes right now. The current classification is exactly what the vast majority of millions of people asked you to do during your public comment period on this situation back in 2014. In the span of 3 years, there have been no significant changes to the availability of internet service providers or the technologies that they utilize to justify making changes again. The high percentage of people in favor of Title II classification has not changed as well.

I feel like you are completely ignoring the results of your previous public comment period just to further your own personal beliefs or to exact some kind of unfounded revenge against your predecessors.

When I pay my internet service provider for internet access, I expect them to be using that money to provide me with service and investing in making it better over time. They should be providing me with the content that I pay them to be able to access, not charging those content providers for better access to me. As a software engineer, I need internet access for my job and it is important to me to know that all of my network traffic is being handled fairly. Your open internet rules exist to ensure this, and your own organization's history has shown that you need the Title II classification for the rules to be enforceable.

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I noticed that this proceeding falls under the Wireline Competition Bureau. The best way for you to encourage fair competition between businesses on the internet is by keeping open internet rules that you can enforce. Without Title II, fairness is just a useless suggestion. Even if you say you want an open an fair internet, you need to back that up with rules that you can actually enforce like the ones you have now.

Calling this proceeding "Restoring Internet Freedom" is misleading too, because by making any changes to the rules in place now you will be taking away the freedom from millions of people to fairly access whatever services they want to online. The only freedom you'll restore is the freedom for large internet providers to engage in anti-competitive behavior if they want to.

Please do the right thing with this proceeding by doing absolutely nothing. Then enforce the rules you already have.

If that was not clear, I am in favor of fair and open internet neutrality rules, and internet services should be remain classified under Title II so that you can legally and effectively enforce them.

Sincerely yours,



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